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SASENO ZONE:

1. [REDACTED] Saseno Island has been divided into two sectors; soldiers in one sector do not know what is being done in the other sector. There are six hundred Albanian soldiers stationed on the island. Part of the fortification work has now been completed; other fortification work is in progress. In the summer of 1946 long-range artillery was brought to the island and small boats loaded with ammunition continue to arrive daily. Surveillance by the secret police is very strict.
2. The Saseno electric power station has begun to operate, source reports further. Cables have been laid in every part of the island. Components of the electric power station are the following: two motors - one Pignone 75 HP motor with transformer, one S. Giorgio 75 HP motor with transformer. The two motors are coupled. The electric current cables are low voltage cables.
3. One hundred Albanian soldiers are reported stationed on C. Glossa. Here, four Soviet 75mm. guns are located. All guns are pointed toward Saseno Island.
4. Every twenty-four hours a police launch leaves the island and meets another police launch on the high sea. After this encounter they cruise, particularly at night, between the south-eastern tip of Saseno and C. Glossa.

COASTAL SECTOR BETWEEN HIMARA AND THE BORDER:

5. This coastal sector has a depth of three kilometers. It has been completely isolated, source reports, and all trespassing is prohibited. All its roads are under constant surveillance by a large number of control stations. Some of these have been converted into bunkers armed with automatic weapons and even heavy machine guns.

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FOOD AND AMMUNITION DEPOTS:

6. The chief artillery and ammunition supply depot is located at Librash, source reports. The materiel is shipped as far as Struga in Yugoslavia; from there it is either shipped to Librash or transported directly to the border area of Gjinokaster.
7. At Bilisht there is an artillery depot which is replenished from Korca. Here there are also some light artillery pieces and twenty-five tanks.
8. At Valona in the neighborhood of the electric power station, there is a gasoline dump. In the Krioner region near Valona a new gasoline depot is being built. In the warehouses of the Albanian National Bank there are large stocks of clothing and of food supplies.
9. An automatic arms and ammunition depot is located at Sasobias (sic - probably Sasso Bianco).
10. Clothing and food supplies are stored in the Italian fortifications of Kavaja.
11. Near the former Royal Castle in Durazzo there are four Soviet 75mm. guns. Behind the Hotel Majestic in Durazzo, between the bunkers near the hotel, there are five 75mm. guns. Inside the bunkers there is ammunition and food. On the coast near the former Italian naval command, there are two 75mm. batteries.

MILITARY TRAINING:

12. With respect to training schools, source reports that the program follows the Soviet pattern. Iron discipline is maintained. After three reprimands, the student is summoned before a military court. Once a student is enrolled in the military academy, he is not permitted to leave it. He may either become an officer and consent to bow to the Communist Party or submit to a sentence of several years at forced labor. The academy course lasts three years.

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